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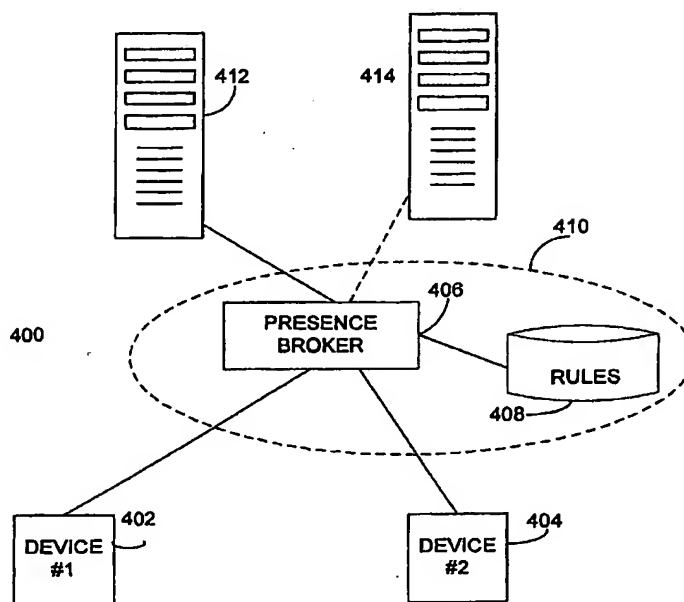
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(57) Abstract: According to one embodiment of the present invention, there is provided apparatus, for use with a computing device, for selecting a presence status from a number of available presence statuses comprising: a data store (206) for storing at least one predeterminable rule; an activity monitor (202) for monitoring an activity through the device; and logic for determining the presence status based in part on the at least one rule and in part on the monitored activity.

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